(8) To examine the working of the Railways and to make suggestions for achieving improved productivity and financial viability;

(9) To examine the working of the Railway Medical Service and to make suggestions for improving its work;

(10) To recommend any other measures which the Committee consider relevant to the working of the Railways.

Narbada Sarovar Scheme

1051. SHRI SHANKER SINGH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Narbada Sarovar scheme on the Narbada river was to be implemented by a special Corporation Board, as originally conceived;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Gujarat Government has now decided to implement the scheme through a Government agency; and

(c) whether the Central Government have granted such permission to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (c) The reference is presumably to the Inter-state Sardar Sarovar Project on Narmada River. According to the directions of the Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal, construction of the Sardar Sarovar Dam and the construction of the Navagam Canal offtaking from Sardar Sarovar upto Rajasthan Border is to be carried out by Gujarat. The Government of Gujarat had been considering proposal to set up a Corporation called Sardar Sarovar Development Corporation for execution of Sardar Sarovar Project. The proposal has, however, been dropped by the Government of Gujarat.

Low cost strategy to control smoking

1052. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have adopted a low cost strategy to control smoking; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Loss due to Floods

1053. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the extent of losses due to floods this year is higher than that of the previous year;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government propose to tackle the problem of deforestation through sale of fuel at subsidised rates in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) & (b) The total flood losses during this year reported upto 27-7-1984 by the State Governments are of the order of Rs. 134.27 crores against Rs. 187 crores reported during 1983 upto the same period.

(c) The Government is seized of the problem of deforestation and taking all possible measures to halt the trends. Some of the States have already implemented the scheme of